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In re application of: Robert Fritzinger et al.

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For: Virtual Telephone -

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Upon the granting of a serial number and filing date to the above continuation application, please amend the claims of the application by replacing original pages 75-85 with new pages 75-80 enclosed herewith. The claim amendments are indicated as follows:

Please rewrite claims 1-10 in amended form as follows:

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1. (Amended) In a communication system comprising at least one telephone switch and at least one communication device: [means for providing] a virtual phone generic configurable interface between said telephone switch and said communication device to serv[ing]e as a protocol interpreter of the protocol of said telephone switch and to convert the protocol of said telephone switch and the protocols of applications associated with the operation of said switch and said communication device into a common format to [thereby] enabl[ing]e communication between said switch and said communication device.

2. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said [means for providing a] virtual phone generic configurable